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THURSTON HEADS SCHOOL SYSTEM UNTIL NEXT JULY

Elected by Board of Education to Fill Unexpired Term of Dr. Davidson.

ONLY NAME VOTED ON

New Superintendent to Take Up Active Work Thursday—Other Matters Considered.

Ernest L. Thurston, assistant superintendent of schools, was elected unanimously yesterday afternoon by the board of education to succeed Dr. William M. Davidson as head of the public schools of the District for the unexpired term ending June 30, 1914. This means that the policies of Dr. Davidson, who resigned to accept the superintendency of the Pittsburgh public schools, will be carried out by Superintendent Thurston, who is in full accord with the present system.

It took just about two minutes to put through Mr. Thurston's election, all other candidates being eliminated from the field. When the call for new business was announced, J. B. Lerner nominated Mr. Thurston to succeed Dr. Davidson as superintendent of schools. The nomination was seconded by Ernest H. Daniels, and no other name being placed in nomination, Henry P. Blair, president of the board, declared the election of Mr. Thurston unanimous. He will assume his duties January 1.

While Ernest M. Wilson, principal of Central High School, had been regarded as the most likely "dark horse" should the board of education face a deadlock in the selection of a new superintendent, the quickness of Mr. Thurston's election removed all doubt as to whom the board had in mind for the position before it met.

Others mentioned were Dr. William S. Small, S. M. Elv, W. B. Paterson, Arthur M. Kramer, Allan Davis, Miss Edith V. Westcott, and Miss Elizabeth V. Brown.

Dr. Davidson, the retiring superintendent, and Ernest H. Daniels, vice president of the board, were appointed a committee to notify Mr. Thurston of his election. Mr. Thurston expressed his gratitude in a few words.

After fruitless efforts to decide upon a successor to fill the position of assistant superintendent of schools, left vacant by the election of Mr. Thurston as superintendent, the board of education, in executive session, decided to leave the position open. This course was adopted after long and fruitless efforts to decide upon a successor to fill the position of assistant superintendent of schools, left vacant by the election of Mr. Thurston as superintendent, the board of education, in executive session, decided to leave the position open.

When asked regarding the course of such he would outline as superintendent, Mr. Thurston said that it was his duty to make any definite statement along that line.

"However," he said, "I am in full sympathy with the present administration of the school system, and, as far as it is possible, I will carry out the policies of Dr. Davidson and finish what he has left undone along the lines that he would have done."

The "fraternal" situation in the schools is quiet now. There is no issue at present and nothing to be done regarding it. The new business system which has been installed will be continued along the lines proposed by Dr. Davidson, and there is nothing to do now but to put it in force.

"Under Dr. Davidson there had been started a readjustment of the course of studies in all the schools, which was probably will carry on. I do not know when the assistant superintendent will be appointed."

Members of the board of education were unanimous in their praise of Mr. Thurston. "The highest tribute I can pay to Mr. Thurston's ability," said President Blair, "is the fact that he was selected as the most able man in the school system."

Mr. Daniel and other members who congratulated Mr. Thurston on his election predicted that under his supervision the school system will make great advancement. Former Supt. A. T. Stuart said of Mr. Thurston: "No other superintendent of schools in a higher position can be found than in devotion to a lower position."

Well Fitted for the Place.

Mr. Thurston has been connected with the school system of Washington since the fall of 1904, and, after nearly twenty years' work in various departments, no other man is more fitted to assume charge of the schools with a better training for his work, it is argued. His close association with Dr. Davidson, as assistant superintendent, has made him familiar with the duties and with Dr. Davidson's policy.

He was born February 12, 1872, at Fall River, Mass., coming to Washington to live in 1887, and was graduated from Central High School in 1893, in the same class with Mr. Kramer and Mr. Wilson. He took the degree of electrical engineering at George Washington University.

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Europe Has Cold Wave.

London, Dec. 29.—The first severe weather of the winter prevails today over the greater part of Europe. Heavy snow has fallen over England, France, Switzerland, and Northern Germany, while the temperature during the night in London was the lowest of the season.

ALL THE RAGE.

The remarkably clever stories by Arthur Stringer on "The Unique Experiences of an Insomniac," Richard Marsh's wonderfully interesting creation of Judith Lee in her unique detective feats; John Kendrick Bangs' "Genial Idiot," and Ellis Parker Butler's "Uncle Abner" are attracting the attention of all Washington.

Bonaparte and Roosevelt.

These intensely interesting articles have a grip that no one wants to break. See for yourself in THE SUNDAY HERALD.

ROCKS AHEAD, MERRYMAKERS.

Cooks and Waiters May Strike on New Year's Eve.

New York, Dec. 29.—A dark cloud today loomed upon the horizon for the thousands of merry-makers who will take part in the New Year's Eve celebration in this city on Wednesday night. The hotel and restaurant cooks are threatening to strike. The managers, however, are counting upon the lure of tips to hold the waiters on the job.

At Bryant Hall today William D. Haywood of the I. W. O., with whom the waiters' union is affiliated, urged a campaign of annoyance for patrons.

Edward Lewis, an organizer from California, thought that was a good plan. Miss Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, of the I. W. O., believed that the campaign of annoyance was just the thing.

CHINESE REGIMENTS REVOLT.

Declare Province Independent, with Dr. Sun Yat Sen President.

Peking, Dec. 29.—Three regiments of the Chinese army under Gen. Tang Hu Yin have revolted in Yunnan Province, and proclaimed the province independent, with Dr. Sun Yat Sen provisional president, according to a dispatch received here today from Tai-Pei.

The Chinese College at Tai-Pei was raided and several professors and students murdered. President Yuan Shih-Kai has ordered troops to move against the mutineers.

URGES U. S. HOLD 'RADIIUM LANDS'

Secretary Lane Would Have Federal Control of Output in This Country.

ASKS ACT BY CONGRESS

Writes Representative Foster Suggesting Government Retain Territory Containing Mineral.

The medical discovery that radium can prove effective as a remedy for cancer has prompted Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, to ask Congress to pass a law empowering the President to reserve to the United States all rights and ownership in radium-bearing areas found in public lands.

Experts of the Federal Bureau of Mines have been conducting searches for radium-bearing lands and have located tracts in various sections of the country. The Secretary of the Interior would have Congress authorize the President to withdraw such lands in order that the Federal government may retain control of the areas which contain the powerful curative mineral known as radium.

The application of radium as a cure for cancer in the case of Representative Robert G. Bremer, of New Jersey, who is under treatment in a Baltimore hospital, has been the cause of the radium-bearing lands in public lands embodied in a letter on the subject addressed to Representative Martin J. Pendergast, of Illinois, chairman of the House Committee on Mines and Mining.

So much interest has been excited in the use of radium as a cure for cancer that it is practically assumed that a law such as that proposed by Secretary Lane will be enacted at the coming session of Congress.

Radium Now Comes from Europe.

In his letter to Representative Foster, Secretary Lane said that all of the radium in this country is produced from Europe and was manufactured from ore taken from the United States. He said further that there is now less than two grams of radium in this country.

Secretary Lane's letter to Chairman Foster is in part as follows:

"The Secretary of the Interior should be authorized to conduct explorations and researches with view to determining the practicability of developing from such ores a supply of radium, and also authorized by lease or otherwise to provide for the mining and treatment of radium-bearing ores in such manner as would best secure a supply of radium for the use of the government or the United States and the hospitals of this country."

"There appears to be in the United States less than two grams of radium, that is, less than one-fourth of an ounce. This is valued at \$120,000 a gram, and all of it has been procured from Europe, where there exist in France, Austria, Germany, and England laboratories for its discovery."

"Three-fourths of the radium produced in the world during the year 1912 came from American ores, yet we have, up to this time, taken no steps relative to preserve for our own people this valuable source of radium, which is the basis of the production of radium and hospitals are dependent upon Europe for their supply of radium, and are subject to whatever monopoly charge the European nations may impose upon the radium which is found in our country."

"Radium is found in ore carrying uranium and vanadium, which are used extensively in the arts, and the processes by which it is extracted are secret. A number of processes have been invented by the chemists in our Bureau of Mines which promise, from the laboratory experiments thus far made, to be successful. Under the endowment of two Americans, a building is now being erected in Denver (which, with its equipment, will be opened for work in the coming February) in which an effort will be made to prove the commercial possibility of this American process."

Advices Withdrawing Lands.

"Under all these circumstances it seems to me that the only prudent course that the United States can follow is to withdraw such of its lands as are supposed to contain radium from public entry. This will guard against these lands being taken up by those who would not put them to their highest and most beneficial use. It would be inhuman to deprive other nations of access to our radium deposits, which are now in the hands of a few individuals, and it is believed that there is a sufficient amount of radium and pitchblende already in private ownership in this country to permit of continued European experimentation and production. The people of the United States, however, should be entitled to protection against the alienation of this resource and its exclusive control by the scientists of other lands."

"If the proposed joint resolution can be promptly enacted into law, I am advised by the Geological Survey that it will be possible immediately to withdraw a considerable area of public land believed to contain radium. Unless prompt action is taken, however, there is reason to fear that these lands will become the basis of private speculation."

OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION—TO DROP IT.



CHURCHMAN A MERCURY VICTIM

Bishop Denny Will Recover, Battle More Physicians Say.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 29.—Bishop Collins Denny, one of the most active men in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is being treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital for hemorrhoids of mercury poisoning. He swallowed the poison last Wednesday by mistake, at his home in Richmond, Va.

Though not in any danger, his physicians say, he is receiving the best treatment obtainable. He is expected to remain here several days to continue the treatment to rid his system of the poison. The bishop is a cousin of former Representative James W. Denny, of Baltimore.

LYNCH'S PLANS INDORSED.

Head of Manufacturers' Association Approves Proposed Survey.

New York, Dec. 29.—The industrial relief plans of James M. Lynch, commissioner of labor for New York State, today were indorsed by George F. Fox, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Mr. Lynch intends to conduct a survey of all industrial plants in the State with a view to improving sanitary conditions and fire safeguards and to put an end to illegal employment of women and children.

FLAMES ENDANGER WATERLESS MONTREAL

Firemen with Limited Supply Finally Conquer Big Blaze—Cold Adds to the Suffering.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—A fire late today destroyed the entire plant of a garage company and five adjoining stores and for a time threatened the entire district adjacent. The damage has been set at \$250,000, but probably will exceed that figure.

Two men were injured by an explosion of hundreds of gallons of gasoline in the garage. Sixty automobiles were destroyed.

The lack of water caused by the recent break in one of the city's largest mains, permitted the flames to get for a time beyond control of the firemen. Dynamiting of buildings as a means of stopping the flames was proposed and seriously considered for a time.

Seventeen thousand persons were made idle today by the water famine. The Canadian Pacific locomotive shops and many smaller plants had to close down.

Cold weather is hampering the work of repairing the burst big water main. Montreal is a batonless city. Hundreds of families in the poorer sections of the city are melting snow to get drinking water.

LINDSEY FLAYS 'SLAVE' FILMS.

Denver Judge Says They Do Harm, Not Good.

New York, Dec. 29.—Moving picture films purporting life in the underworld should be condemned and not permitted to be exhibited in any theater. This is the dictum of Judge Ben B. Lindsey, the famous lawyer of the Denver Children's Court.

"When any film company says it is exhibiting such films for sociological and uplift reasons, it is insulting the intelligence of the community," he said.

"I say that any person who actually knows boys and girls, and who believes that these vile pictures can be of any moral influence, is either helping the movie picture companies along, or else has very little understanding of human nature."

"I cannot understand how reputable, intelligent women of this city can be so blinded to the efforts of these shows as to stand sponsors for them."

Judge Lindsey and his bride left tonight to spend the New Year with friends in England.

Hot Springs Physician Dead.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 29.—Dr. Henry Stier, for forty years a leading physician at Virginia Hot Springs, died early today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. M. Austin, at Lewisburg, W. Va., of heart disease. He was sixty-eight years old.

M'ADOO'S ILLNESS DELAYS HEARINGS

Sessions of Federal Reserve Board Organization Committee Postponed.

SECRETARY SENT AWAY

Surg. Gen. Blue Says Patient Must Take Several Days' Rest in Country.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo's health has demanded his withdrawal from official duties for a week, in addition to the five days in which he has been resting at his home, with the result that the dates for the hearings in the organization committee of the Federal reserve board in New York and Boston have been postponed.

The hearings in New York will begin January 4, instead of January 2, as previously announced. This statement was given out at the Treasury Department yesterday.

"Secretary McAdoo's condition is greatly improved today, but his physician, Surg. Gen. Blue, has ordered him to take a rest for the remainder of the present week."

"For this reason the reserve bank organization committee has determined to change the dates for the hearings in New York and Boston as follows: New York, January 5, 6, 7, and 8; Boston, January 9 and 10."

"This change will not affect the dates previously announced for other cities. Secretary McAdoo will go to the country for a short rest."

Many Applications Received.

One hundred and thirty-five applications for papers of incorporation were received at the Treasury Department Sunday and yesterday, according to a list made public yesterday afternoon. This number, added to that of the list given out on Saturday, carried the total beyond 900.

In addition to these, however, hundreds of telegrams and letters have been received by the Secretary and other officials of the department, which may be construed as applications. There are statements of approval of the new law or simple requests to have forms of application forwarded.

A problem which soon will face the organization committee will be the employment of a clerical force adequate to handle the applications and other correspondence which is pouring into the department as a result of the enactment of the Glass-Steagall law. This law authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to designate quarters in the department for the use of the Federal Reserve Board and the organization committee. The committee may employ clerical assistants, counsel and other expert aids, at a limited expense of \$100,000.

No step has been made in this direction yet, and the correspondence received thus far has been forced upon the office force of Secretary McAdoo.

AUTO BANDITS IN DARING RAID.

Hold-up Thirty Patrons of Poolroom and Escape.

New York, Dec. 29.—Six masked motor bandits early today carried out the bold robbery of a pool hall, held up thirty patrons in this city. They held up thirty patrons of a poolroom at 63 Thompson street, robbed them of \$400 in cash and took all the watches, stockings, rings and other jewelry in sight. Then they dashed out to a high-powered automobile and escaped.

The robbery took place only a block from a police station, but the bandits were miles away before the police reached there.

Hotel Woodstock, New York City, Comfort Without Extravagance.—Adv.

WOULD BAR ASIATICS.

Commissioner Caminetti Said to Favor Action, After Probe.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—United States Commissioner General of Immigration A. E. Caminetti left for Washington this afternoon after a visit of several months spent in the study of the Chinese immigration problem on the Pacific Coast. Part of the time was given to an investigation of this subject in Oregon, Washington, California, and British Columbia, and the commissioner has in mind several recommendations which will be made upon his return to the capital.

It is understood that he will recommend that Asiatics be barred from this country.

CONNECTICUT BANK IS CLOSED.

Putnam Savings Institution Affected by Shrinkage of Bond Market.

Putnam, Conn., Dec. 29.—Acting upon authority given by the last legislature, the State bank commissioners today closed the Putnam Savings Bank, issuing a restraining order which will prevent the bank from paying out funds or receiving deposits until further notice.

The bank has deposits of \$2,771,000, of which \$2,445,000 is invested in bonds. The bank's trouble is due entirely to the shrinkage of the bond market.

"BOTTLE KING" BUILDS ENLARGED WHITE HOUSE

New Home of Edward H. Everett Is Copied Largely After Executive Mansion.

A new white house, which will be occupied by a private citizen, has been built in Washington by Edward H. Everett, the "bottle king," overlooking Rock Creek Park. It cost \$2,500,000 and will shortly be opened for a round of social feasts.

The Everett mansion will be an enlarged replica of the White House. The main entrance is modeled after that of the President's White House, but which was really intended for the front door. In planning it, Mr. Everett is reported to have said:

"I shall build me a palace in Washington which will be like the White House, yet unlike it, that will be more beautiful, more magnificent, and expensive, and more impressively situated."

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS BETTER

Big Concerns Prepare to Take Back Thousands of Men.

New York, Dec. 29.—A number of industrial corporations are considering the re-employment of a large number of employees recently laid off.

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, according to information from Akron, Ohio, by adding 2,500 men to its payroll January 1, will restore its number of employees to 8,000.

The International Harvester Company will take on 200 men January 1, while the Case Threshing Machine Company and other industrial concerns will add 4,000 men to their pay rolls.

THREE HELD FOR BIG THEFTS.

Officials of Mail Order House Said to Be Robbers.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Robert L. Friendly, general superintendent of the John Magnus & Co. mail order house, and Charles H. Sweet, traffic manager of the concern, were arrested today charged with being involved in thefts of thousands of dollars' worth of goods from the company.

John Hyslop, another employee, was arrested, charged with receiving stolen property.

Milwaukee Factory Burned.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 29.—A loss of \$150,000 was caused today by fire which destroyed the wash and dye plant of the Miller Manufacturing Company, in the business district of the city.

The Raleigh Hotel.

Tables are now being reserved for New Year's Eve. Admission by card only.—Adv.

TROOPS STILL WATCH MINE.

Wait for Hunger and Thirst to Drive Out Gangsters.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29.—Like cats watching for mice, State troops and deputy sheriffs are posted at the six entrances to the coal mine where the members of the Hendrickson gang are believed to be hiding in an attempt to escape arrest for murder. It is considered only a matter of a short time until hunger and thirst will drive them out.

That the gang is hidden in the mine is considered certain, as Sunday morning one of the guards saw three men cautiously advancing from one of the entrances. He called to another guard, and the men heard him and went back.

94 ALLEGED SPIES ON TRIAL.

Ruthenians Deny Hungarian Charges of Espionage for Russia.

Vienna, Dec. 29.—The legal preliminaries incident to the trial of ninety-four Ruthenians on a treason charge at Opatowitz, Hungary, were begun today by the crown's counsel and the sixty-two lawyers employed for the defense. Most of the 215 witnesses were on hand.

The defendants are charged with "treason and undue loyalty" to Russia during the critical times of the Balkan war. All are members of the Russian Catholic Church, and part of the charge is based on the fact they recited prayers for the Czar.

BATTLE RAGES NEAR BORDER

Ojinaga Garrison Is Rushed Twenty-five Miles South to Defend Town.

MANY FLEE TO THE U. S.

Government Admits Revolutionist Victories in Several Places—Mortality Is Attacked.

Presidio, Tex., Dec. 29.—Heavy firing about ten miles south of Ojinaga tells of a desperate battle being fought between the rebels and federals.

Surprising the federal outposts, Gen. Toribio Ortega, with 2,000 men, ten big field pieces, and an untold number of rapid-fire guns, occupied Mula late this afternoon, the federals maintaining a desperate rear guard action as they retreated. They reached Ojinaga at 1 o'clock tonight, taking refuge in the trenches, where they are now being bombarded by Gen. Ortega.

With 2,000 men, several field guns and some ten or fifteen machine guns, Gen. Rodriguez is coming down from the north, driving the federals into the town. Driven from their position and out of Ojinaga, 250 federals crossed the river into the United States. Maj. MacNamee at once dispatched a detachment of United States cavalry to disarm them and bring them into the presidio as prisoners.

Five Armas Border.

Hundreds of Federals are throwing down their arms and trying to cross the river into the United States. It is reported that the entire garrison of Ojinaga has melted in the face of the terrific fire of the rebel guns and are attempting to cross to the American side by the thousands.

Gen. Salazar and Gen. Orozco are making desperate efforts to rally their men and it is said that it is the federal volunteers who are doing all the fighting. The regulars are deserting and giving up. Gen. Castro and Mercado are said to be missing and it is supposed they have sought safety in flight, though this has not been confirmed.

Facing certain execution by Gen. Villa if captured, Gen. Salazar, Orozco, Rojas and Almis are standing behind the trenches with drawn revolvers, threatening to kill any of their men who show the white feather. They are making a salient stand, but are surely, though slowly, being driven from their positions.

It is reported here that the entire Third Cavalry is ordered from Fort Sam Houston to Presidio.

Rebel Victories Verified.

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Reports of rebel activity in many widely separated sections are pouring into the capital. The government reports small federal victories at Candalaria, in Oaxaca; Tlaxi, Chichila, in Hidalgo and San Francisco, in San Luis Potosi.

Reliable private advices say there was heavy fighting today near Orizaba, in the state of Vera Cruz, along the line of the National railway. The rebels have threatened lately to cut the lines between the capital and Vera Cruz.

Guerrillas were attacked again this afternoon by de la Barra's rebels, but the attack was repulsed. The electric light station was destroyed, leaving the city in darkness.

The expected attack on Monterey began at 5 o'clock this afternoon, but no details have been received.

Federals Terrorize Torreon.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—Col. Chivara, who, with his command of 500 rebels, evacuated Ojinaga at the approach of the federalists a few weeks ago, has received orders to join Gen. Toribio Ortega at Ojinaga. Ortega passed through La Mula Pass Saturday and should have arrived in the vicinity of Ojinaga today.

Refugees who arrived on today's train from the south say Velasco's troops, when they recaptured Torreon, inaugurated a reign of terror in revenge for the aid and sympathy given by the citizens to the rebels during their occupancy of the city.

The daughter of Gen. Luis Teran came to Chihuahua today. The other women members of the family are remaining in Chihuahua to await the release of Col. Luis Teran, Jr., by Villa in order that they may accompany him to the border.

Several families of rich Chihuahuans who have arrived here in the last few days have announced their intention of going to Vera Cruz and Mexico City.

Arthur Slaughter, American negro soldier of fortune, who joined the constitutionalists in Juarez Sunday morning, was shot and killed last night by a fellow-soldier when he failed to answer a challenge.

STATE DEPARTMENT HEARS HUERTA WILL RESIGN, BUT REPORT IS NOT CREDITED

State Department representatives in Mexico yesterday informed the department that the rumor was current in

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MAN IS SLAIN; BODY, IN TRUNK, LEFT IN STREET

New York Police at Sea Over Latest Murder Mystery.

DAY OF STRANGE CASES

Slayings in Different Sections of Metropolis Keep Detectives on the Jump.

New York, Dec. 29.—Up to midnight no satisfactory identification had been made of the victim of New York's latest trunk mystery. At 41 Pitt street there is a barber shop. Outside this shop there is a small candy stand, presided over by Samuel Trebel.

About 12:30 o'clock this morning a short, roughly dressed man, wearing a derby hat, a dark, foreign-looking man, according to description, accompanied by another foreign-looking man with a black mustache, but better clothed than his companion, ambled through Pitt street pushing a well-used green push cart.

On this pushcart was a canvas trunk of familiar make, with galvanized iron bindings. The men and the pushcart came to a standstill in front of No. 41. A few words were exchanged between them, at the end of which conversation the well-dressed man handed the other a coin.

Therupon the trunk was deposited on the sidewalk and the poorer dressed man ambled off down the street, pushing the cart before him.

For a few moments the well-dressed man stood beside the trunk, calmly smoking a cigar. It was not long before a motley East Side crowd had gathered around the well-dressed man and the trunk.

Tells Boy to Watch Trunk.

Then the well-dressed man called to young Trebel, the candy stand keeper, and said: "Watch this trunk until I come back and I will pay you. But be careful that no one touches it or opens it until I return."

Then the well-dressed man started off through Pitt street in the direction taken by the other.

That is the story that Trebel told the police, and his story is corroborated by a number of people who stood by during the events recorded.

When the crowd had dwindled Trebel stood by the trunk for half an hour. Soon the crowd began to gather again.

"Let us open it," said one of the curious ones. Therupon there began a controversy, with the result that a policeman was finally called, and the trunk was removed to the Clinton street police station house.

When the lid was raised a thin, uncovered pillow of straw was found. Beneath the pillow was a body, bent double, and head resting against the ankles and tied there by several yards of clothing.

The body was partially clothed. The head was wrapped in a black silk cloth and the face was covered with a red bandanna handkerchief.

Expert opinion has it that the body had been in the trunk only a short time before it was deposited in Pitt street. It is hinted that it may have been put into the trunk still living. Perhaps death resulted from the breaking of the neck, due to rough handling of the trunk.

Victim Partly Identified.

The identification of the body, such as